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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Extinction of Rare Birds
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of extinction of rare birds including sparrows due to deadly pollution increasing use of means of communication, shortage of food and shelters etc. have come to light, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(b) the details of sanctioned projects for conserving birds along with the action plan formulated for the aforesaid purpose, State/Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) &(b) Reports of reduction in population of a few species of birds due to pollution, shrinking of habitats, shortage of food, poaching etc. have come to the notice of this Ministry. The species includes Vulture, Great Indian Bustard, Jerdon's Courser, Sparrow etc.

A specific component of 'Recovery programmes for saving critically endangered species and habitats' is provided in the on-going Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' for focused conservation action on 17 identified critically endangered species including bustards, Edible-nest Swiftlet, Nicobar megapode, Jerdon's Courser and vultures.

The component is a part of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. Funds are released based on the Annual Plan of Operation (APOs) submitted by the States. Details of funds released for recovery programme of the bird species during the last three years are as follows:
(Rs. in lakhs)
Name of the species year
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
Jerdon's Courser 63.31 0 0
Vultures 0 123.33 132.6272
Great Indian Bustard 0 175.99 233.61
Total 63.31 299.32
366.2372

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